

Syllabus: **Senior Social Science, 2010 - 2011**

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Conference Time: Please **make an appointment** at lunch or after school.



GOALS: After completing a year of studying Social Science, you will...

- ◆ name and explain the parts of our government;
- ◆ develop a personal finance plan;
- ◆ list important ideas about our economic system;
- ◆ review past and current events in United States and World History;
- ◆ use maps with confidence and identify and describe different places in the world;
- ◆ use and improve your English reading and writing skills.

ACTIVITIES: You will read textbook chapters, newspaper articles and watch videos about government, current events, history, and economics. You will discuss and write about your opinions. You will include reasons and facts to support the things you say and write.

REQUIRED WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS may include the following:

- ◆ a Senior Project;
- ◆ a news journal;
- ◆ an essay for the Optimist Club Communication Contest;
- ◆ reviews on books and articles.

Email written work to acohen@philasd.org. Neatly handwritten work is acceptable. If you have no computer at home, make an appointment to use a student computer in school or use a computer at your neighborhood library. All written work will be graded for content, accuracy and English mechanics.

TEXTBOOK: In addition to **American Government**, second edition and **Economics**, both by Virginia Bernstein, you will read articles and papers. **Book covers are mandatory.**

CLASS TESTS, MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMS: You will show what you learned in this class by writing essays, answering questions and making presentations. All students --including seniors--will have final evaluations.

MATERIALS: Bring a folder with pockets or binder; a composition book to use as a journal; a flashdrive to save written work; pens and pencils. **Your teacher does not lend materials.** Please bring a box of tissues or a bottle of hand sanitizer for classmates to share.

ATTENDANCE: You must come to every class. If you have an excused absence, you still must do work you missed. Ask your classmates for help at lunch, advisory, on the bus or by phone, email or text. Attendance is a significant part of your final grade.. *Make coming to every class a priority.*

No one is dismissed to use bathrooms or to go to lockers.

CLASS RULES:

- ◆ You are expected to be polite at all times.
- ◆ Bring all class materials. I do not lend pencils and paper.
- ◆ Use the bathroom between classes. **You may not leave the room for any reason.** (Two emergencies are permitted during the year.)

Sign and return.

We read the syllabus for ASL, we discussed the course requirements and we will support class rules.

(student's signature)

(date)

(parent's/guardian's signature)

(date)